ountry at present;

(b) what is going to be the room requirement in these categories by the end of the century;

(c) what are the hardships being felt by private investors in the hotel industry; and

(d) what incentives are being offered to the hotel industry by the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) and (b) Availability of rooms in the country in one, two and three star hotels and projected room requirements by the end of the century is given as under:—

Star Category	Number of rooms available	Projected minimum rooms requirement (in thousand)
One Star	4280	8.6
Two Star	10499	23.1
Three Star	13615	37.3

(c) High costs of land and financing including availability of sites are the basic problems being faced by the private investors.

(d) The incentives being offered by the Central Government include interest subsidy for specified hotel categories import of project equipment/capital equipment/raw material etc. at reduced duty, benefits under Income Tax Acts etc.

Tourist Project in Bihar

1787. SHRI GYAN RANJAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of tourist projects in Bihar sanctioned by Government in the current Plan;

(b) the details of the projects completed so far; and

(c) the details of the projects under implementation?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) to (c) During the first four years of the Eighth Plan the Department of Tourism has sanctioned 19 projects amounting to Rs. 336.56 lakhs.

The implementation of these projects is the responsibility of the State Government.

मध्य प्रदेश के कुछ स्थानों को पर्यटक स्थल के रूप में घोषित किया जाना

1788. श्री अजीत जोगी: क्या पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार मध्य प्रदेश के चित्रकूट, अमरकंटक, देवतालाब और मैहर को पर्यटक स्थल के रूप में घोषित करने और उन्हें पर्यटक स्थलों की सूची में शामिल करने पर विचार कर रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण है?

संसदीय कार्य मंत्री तथा पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री श्रीकांत जेना): (क) से (ग) पर्यटक केन्द्रों की पहचान करना, मुख्यतः राज्य सरकारों/संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों के प्रशासन की जिम्मेदारी है। तथापि, पर्यटन विभाग, विशिष्ट पर्यटन परियोजनाओं हेतु, राज्य सरकारों/संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों के प्रशासन को उनके गुण-दोषों/पारस्परिक प्राथमिकता और धन की उपलब्धता के आधार पर केन्द्रीय वित्तीय सहायता प्रदान करता है।

12.00 NOON

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Notifications of the Securities and Exchange Board of India

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): Sir, I lay on the Table, under Section 31 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992, a copy each (in English and

Hindi) of the following Notifications of the securities and Exchange Board of India:—

(1) Notification S.O. No. 105(E), dated the 12th February, 1997, publishing the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Foreign Institutional Investors) Amendment Regulations, 1997.

(2) Notification S.O. No. 124(E), dated the 20th February, 1997, publishing the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) Regulations, 1997.

(Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-1586/97)

Report and Accounts (1995-96) of the Press Council of India, New Delhi and related papers

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): Sir, I lay on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) Seventeenth Annual Report and Accounts of the Press Council of India, New Delhi, for the year 1995-96 together with the Audit Report on the accounts, under section 20 of the Press Council Act, 1978.

(ii) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (i) above.

(Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-1475/97)

Notification of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): Sir, I lay on the Table—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notification of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs), under sub-section (3) of Section 21 of the Coinage Act, 1906:—

(1) Notification G.S.R. No. 15(E), dated the 17th January, 1997 publishing the Coinage (Standard Weight and Remedy of Commemorative Coins) of the Hundred Rupees (Containing Silver 50%, Copper 40% Nickel 5% and Zinc 5%), Fifty Rupees, Ten Rupees and two Rupees (containing Copper 75% and Nickel 25%) coined in the memory of "SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE" Rules, 1997.

(2) Notification G.S.R. No. 82(E), dated the 17th February, 1997 publishing the Coinage (Standard Weight and Remedy of Commemorative Coins) of the Hundred Rupees (containing Silver 50%, Copper 40%, Nickel 5% and Zinc 5%, Fifty Rupees,Ten Rupees and Two Rupees (containing Copper.75% and Nickel 25%) coined in the memory of "SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE" Rules, 1997.

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II. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), under sub-section (2) of Section 38 of the Central Excises and Salt Act, 1944, together with Explanatory Memoranda on the Notifications:—

(1) Notification G.S.R No. 12(E), dated the 15th January, 1997 exempting from excise duty goods donated for the relief and rehabilitation of the cyclone victims in Andhra Pradesh.

(2) Notification G.S.R No. 35(E), dated the 27th January, 1997 amending the Notification No. 8/96-CE, dated the 23rd July, 1996 so as to prescribe an effective